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DEMOCRATIC HARMONY

The fact that our opponents are getting together and ready to present a united front to the Republican party is being made more evident daily. One of the latest and striking example, took place last Saturday on the floor of the United States Senate, when the two Senators from South Carolina exchanged blows. Mr. Tillman of pitch-fork fame accused Mr. McLawrin of the malice of having practically sold his vote in favor of the confirmation of the Treaty of Peace made at Paris in 1898. This Mr. McLawrin denounced as a wilful, malicious lie, in view of the fact that the whole matter had been investigated a year or more ago. Then Mr. Tillman struck out and Mr. McLawrin carried the mark of his fist for several hours. Both Senators were placed in contempt of the Senate which is now trying to agree upon a fitting punishment. Only the day before this episode another proof of harmony existing among the Democrats was furnished by the "scrap" on the floor of Maryland's House of Representatives, where Mr. Painter called Mr. Straus a dog, and Mr. Straus retaliated by saying that Mr. Painter was a cur. Mr. Straus was smacked in the face and Mr. Painter had Mr. Straus' umbrella poked in his ribs.

Again, on Wednesday of this week Mr. Straus and Mr. Laddam exchanged compliments, during the course of which Mr. Straus was classified as a combination of Benedict Arnold and Judas Iscariot.

Here in Delaware the only thing that keeps the family reasonably quiet is that there are two United States Senators to elect, and each faction hopes to get one. If the Republicans had filled only one of the vacancies or could even now get together and choose one Senator, the State would be filled with the noise of Democratic harmony. Messrs. Saulsbury and Kenny instead of pulling together would be giving an example of how two balking horses cannot pull an empty cart.

THE STORM

Last Friday, the storm which was general over the Middle Atlantic States reached this town about on schedule time, and caused considerable damage, particularly to shade and fruit trees. The electric light plant was partially disabled owing to the wires being broken by falling trees. Some parts of the town reminded one of the photographs taken after the Galveston flood. Not much effort was made to clean up until Monday, and then it was found that the lackness in cleaning the previous snow off the sidewalks and not opening the gutters was responsible for a great deal of trouble, such as water in cellars, and the crossings of the streets being flooded. Now that the work is completed and the weather is more moderate the side walks about which THE TRANSCRIPT has been complaining for months are found in a most deplorable condition. Quite a number of the taxpayers of the town are unable to get into the business section without wading through mud and slush more than ankle deep. This can and should be remedied.

TRUSTEES OF POOR

On Wednesday of this week the control of the Trustees of Poor passed into the hands of the Republicans for the first time since 1898, when the Republican Levy Court was organized. The organization was effected by the election of Dr. C. Henry of Newark as Chairman, and Jos. C. Parker of this town as Secretary. Mr. Parker won out in his fight because of his known honesty, and was helped by the fact that a majority of the Republicans believed he was right in the position taken last summer on the finance question. The principal interest was in the choice of a Superintendent, and for this place B. Frank Blackburn was nominated in caucus and will be elected at the next meeting, starting in on his duties May 1st. Mr. Blackburn is well known in this section as he lived in Warwick, Md., about 20 years ago, and all of his friends bespeak for him a successful administration.

NO MORE CARES READY

Contrary to expectation, the Grand Jury which re-convened last Monday was immediately and finally discharged, as the Attorney-General was not prepared to submit any cases for its consideration. While this was a disappointment to many, still Mr. Ward knows the strength of his case and does wisely in not going to trail with weak ones. One acquittal would do more harm to the cause of honest reform than months of delay, as it would give some possibility to men a chance to pose as martyrs. When he does get ready to move the people may be sure that his case is ready and there is no chance for a mis-carriage of justice.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Samuel Wilson, of Warwick, spent Sunday with Mr. E. O. Spear. Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Williams have returned from a visit to Chestertown, Md. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ellison spent one day last week with friends in Chesapeake City. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckworth and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Hudson. Mrs. L. L. Williams who until Friday last was improving from an attack of the grippe has suffered a relapse and is again in care of her physician.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Williams, of Glasgow, Del., Misses Fannie and Bessie Williams, of Odessa, Del., were the guests of Mrs. J. J. Williams on Wednesday last. Owing to the storm of last week our public schools were closed all during the week. The teachers, Miss Larzelle, of Elkton, and Miss Staats, of Warwick, being unable to reach here. Mr. William Stubbs succeeded in shooting a wild goose on Saturday morning in the wing, after a number of men chased it for at least half a mile they caught it and Mr. Stubbs clipped its wings and is keeping it for a decoy.

Charles H. Pierce, of Bohemia Manor who enlisted in the first Delaware Regiment during the Spanish American War, and was discharged when that regiment was mustered out, re-enlisted in Company I, Twenty-second Infantry, and was transferred to the Philippine Islands, has been awarded a medal of honor by the government for a most distinguished gallantry in action. He held a bridge against a superior force of the enemy and fighting, though severely wounded, until the main body came up to the cross, which occurred near San Isidro, Luzon, P. I.

LAST FLORIDA TOUR

The last Pennsylvania Railroad tour of the season to Jacksonville, allowing almost three months in Florida, will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington March 4. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route while going on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, \$48.00; Pittsburg, \$53.00, and at proportionate rates from other points. Returning, passengers will use regular trains until May 31, 1902. Tickets admit of a stop-off at Charleston Exposition on return trip.

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EARLEVILLE NOTES

Mr. William Woolleyham spent Wednesday at Cecilton. Miss Lizzie Reed was the guest of Mrs. James Smith, of Cecilton, on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Duhamel entertained friends from Kent County one day last week. Miss Daisy Templeton of near town is spending a short time with Miss Annie Jamison at Cecilton.

Good Advice

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects: such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constipation, Palpitation of the Heart, Heartburn, Water-brash, Grawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Costed Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. For sale by J. S. & W. Lattimore, Townsend, Del. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

SASAFRAS ITEMS

Raymond Thomely visited Middletown on Tuesday. Monday's warm sun had marked effect on the high snow piles.

We are pleased to learn Jacob T. Shilcross has returned home.

Walter Schriver, of Warwick, visited Sasafra friends on Wednesday.

Ford Canik on Wednesday called the sale of Samuel Duhamel at Earleville.

Mrs. Belle Canik and Mrs. Townsend were the guests of Mrs. Phenes Jones on Monday.

Mr. W. Baxter, of Kennedyville, is being entertained by Mr. Harry Shepard near town.

Miss Lucie Pearce, of Cecilton, has been the guest of Miss Alice Cecile for the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tarbuton and daughter, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dreka on Thursday last.

We feel glad to learn Mr. Frank Sylvester is much improved. He has been quite sick for the past few days.

Louis Dreka and Earl Davis, of Sasafra attended the Valentine masquerade that was held at Massey's last week.

The Mite Society under the auspices of the M. E. Church were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Roberson, near town, on Thursday evening.

Owing to the bad condition of the county roads the institution of a Red Men's lodge at Cecilton, by Mattahoon Tribe, of Elkton, has been postponed.

The Colonial Supper that was postponed because of the stormy weather, took place Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shepard near town.

While visiting at the home of Dr. S. E. Ford at North East Tuesday of this week, Miss Lizzie Wright, of Chestertown, Md., died very suddenly from heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith visited Mr. George Lockwood near Warwick, on Thursday last, and we are pleased to learn he is improving. He has been very sick for some time.

The fifty-first anniversary celebration of Kent Lodge, No. 74, I. O. O. F., which was to have taken place in their hall at Cecilton on last Wednesday evening, has been postponed.

Our popular teacher of the public school here was quite sick on Monday and unable to teach school. She was so much improved on Tuesday that she was able to resume her duties.

Last week Mr. H. P. Shipper, of Chestertown, received a horse by express from New York—a very fine animal. The charge was \$42. The horse was brought down in a regular baggage car and is valued at many hundred dollars.

Miss Susie Taylor, first-assistant, of Galena school, has resigned, to take effect on March 1st. Miss Anna W. Smith, second-assistant has been appointed to Miss Taylor's place. Miss Smith's place as yet has not been filled.

Farmers have just begun to get out into the world again. After being housed up since the heavy snow storm. Incidentally they appear to be about the only people who have not been inconvenienced by the snow. Well stocked larders tided them over. We have had neither butcher or baker in our town for two weeks until Tuesday.

Our public roads are in a very dangerous condition, large snow drifts and large washes and have to drive the greatest distance over fields. Our farmers all come to the creamery in two horse farm wagons and our mill dam is nearly overflowing, the rush of water is terrible. The heavy freshet has caused the water to rise so high that it is nearly in the mill.

The chief social event of last week was the elaborate dinner given Saturday (Washington's Birthday) by Mrs. William L. Lockwood and two daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Agnes, at their hospitable home near Warwick, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and two daughters, Messrs. E. W. Staats and Mr. William G. Lockwood, of Middletown. A most delightful day was spent by all.

To dwellers in the city, the harm done to the trees by last week's strange storm was apparent enough, but only to country people did the cruelty of the thing strike home. In the country it was almost impossible to sleep on Friday night, limbs of trees, over weighted with ice were breaking every where with such loud reports that it would have been easy to imagine a battle was in progress. All night long these cracking noises kept up, and in the morning the sight was beautiful and pitiful. Every tree seemed to be made of glass or silver, and almost every one was bowed as though in grief over the pile of its own branches that lay strewn at its foot. Indeed several boughs never went to bed, the noise was so appalling they seemed afraid to venture up stairs.

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CECILTON SIGHTS

Miss Mabel Cosden who has been quite ill is now able to sit up.

Miss Dossie Boudien is on a visit to relatives at Hightstown, N. J.

Miss Winifred Price was the guest of friends in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Annie Jamison spent a few days with her husband in Wilmington.

Mr. Byron Bouchell, of Chesapeake City, is the guest of his grandmother in town.

Master Merritt Smith is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Hennis Geary at Kennedyville, Md.

Master George Humphrey has been spending sometime with his aunt, Mrs. Rebecca Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith with Mr. and Mrs. John Tarbuton spent one day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffith near town.

Mr. Davis Taylor after a visit with his brother in Baltimore returned home on Monday. The city must agree with Pete as he is looking so well.



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Public Sale!

The undersigned having decided to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale, on the 13th inst., the following Personal Property:

Thursday, March 13, '02
AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The following described Personal Property:

10 HORSES and COLTS
No. 1—Delaware, good work or driving horse.
No. 2—Queen, good road mare and gentle.
No. 3—Lottie, good worker and safe for lady to drive.
No. 4—Mabel, good work mare with foal.
No. 5—Dexter, good work horse.
No. 6—Frank, black horse, very stylish driver and excellent worker.
No. 7—Mabel, coming 3 years old. This is a very promising colt.
No. 8—Mabel, bay colt, coming 3 years old and a fine colt.
No. 9—Mabel, coming 1 year old.
No. 10—Morgan, black colt, coming 1 year old.

19 HEAD OF COWS AND HEIFERS:
Consisting of 14 fine large Guernsey milch cows, no better in this country. Most of which will be fresh by day of sale. Also 3 fine heifers. Two fine Guernsey Bulls.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS, Etc.:
One peach wagon bed, with springs, 2 farm wagons, 1 market wagon, 2 hay rickings, 1 Deering binder, in good repair, 1 McCormick mower, has only cut 60 acres of hay; 1 Buckeye drill, 1 horse rake, 1 roller, 1 Randall harrow, 1 sulky cultivator, hand cultivators, harrows, plows, 1 fan, 1 corn sheller, lot of grain bags, 1 garden hose, forks, rakes, iron lot of single and double trees, hedge knives, straw knives, American Cream Separator, good new; 3 good tables, kitchen chairs, 1 cupboard, 2 cupboards, 1 sausage chopper, good as new.

HARNESS, CARRIAGES, Etc.:
Two sets wagon harness, all kinds farm harness, bridles and collars. 1 set double carriage harness, 1 set single carriage harness and collars, dorbies and single lines, 1 bridle and saddle, 1 extension top two seat carriage, nearly new; 1 jump seat carriage, 1 work carriage, 1 road cart, 1 sausage chopper, good as new.

TERMS OF SALE:
All sums of \$30 or less, Cash; all sums over that amount, a credit of Twelve Months (12) will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser, interest added. No goods to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

MRS. LAURA F. JONES.
WILLIAM SMITH, Auctioneer.
D. B. STEWART, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF—
Stock and Implements!

The undersigned having purchased a small farm where he will reside on Cecilton 21st, and having no use for the following stock and implements, will sell at Public Sale the "COURT FARM" on the road leading from Cecilton to Taylor Bridge.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7th, 1902,
AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M., SHARP.

The following Personal Property:

8 HEAD OF Horses and Colts
No. 1—Norman, iron gray horse, 10 years old, will weigh 1,300 lbs., and a first class draft horse.
No. 2—Lady, sorrel mare, 7 years old, good worker and driver safe for lady to drive.
No. 3—Florida, brown mare, 30 years old, good driver and worker.
No. 4—Lottie, gray mare, 16 years old, good general purpose mare.
No. 5—Brady, bay mare, 12 years old, with foal and a good worker.
No. 6—Morgan's, a very fine 2-year old colt, good size, should make a fine driver.
No. 7—Black yearling colt.
No. 8—Bay yearling colt.

11 MILCH COWS
Some with calves by their side, others will be in milk by day of sale. There is a fine herd of cattle, and those in need of good milkers should not miss this sale. One BULL, 3 years old, good stock and quiet.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS, Etc.:
Two farm wagons in good order; 1 wheel cultivator, 1 sixty tooth harrow, 1 Deering mower, 3 hand cultivators, 1 No. 35 Syracuse plow, 1 set wagon harness, lot of plow harness, collars, bridles, and other goods too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE:
All sums of \$20 and less, Cash; all sums over that amount, a credit of Ten (10) months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser, with interest added from day of sale. Possibly no goods to be removed until the above conditions are complied with.

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Did you ever hear of a railroad president running as fireman on an engine? Well, I know of one who did, and, if you've got time to listen to it, I will tell you the story now.

It was in the summer of 1885 that I was firing on a single track line that runs up from Junction City through Georgetown, a matter of 110 miles. The line was owned mostly by a man named Theford, who was president and superintendent all in one.

I had been firing on the line for two years back; all the time with one engineer, Bob Hunter by name, and a finer man never lived.

I suppose it would be only natural for me to speak well of Bob, anyway, for I was clear head over ears in love with his pretty daughter Molly, and was only waiting for a bit of rise in my pay to make Mrs. Martin. Though I didn't see any chance for that rise where I was, I didn't like to leave and go on another line, for that would take me away from Molly.

One day Bob says to me: "Jim, ain't you and Molly never going to get married?"

"Just as soon as I can get my rise," says I, "but I don't see how I'm going to get it here."

"Why don't you go and ask Billy?" says he.

You see, Billy was always what we called Mr. Theford—behind his back, of course—for we were mighty polite to his face.

"He won't do anything for me," says I, "for you know either one of the cleaners up to Georgetown would be glad enough to jump into my place, and he ain't going to give me a rise just to please me."

"Well," says Bob, "it won't do any hurt to try it."

So next day I washed up and went to the company's office, and asked for Mr. Theford. After a few minutes he sent word to me that he would see me, and I went.

"What is it, my man? I'm very busy," says he.

"So I up and told him what I wanted."

"How much are you getting now?" says he.

"Forty-five dollars a month," says I.

Then he pursed up his lips, and hemmed and hawed a little and says: "I don't see how we can give you anything more, my good fellow. You see yours is not a very responsible position; merely one that requires a little bodily strength. And we can find plenty of men who would be only too glad to take your place at that salary."

With that he turned to a letter he was writing, and I knew I had no more business there. I tell you I felt sore to be told it didn't take much to know how to fire an engine, and I came mighty near throwing my job up and trying to get on another line. But Molly persuaded me to hold on a little longer.

Now, before I come to the particular point of this yarn, I want to tell you a little about this line. I have said it was a single track one, running from Junction City to Georgetown. The latter place was a little town of 500 or 600 inhabitants; but in summer a great many people came up there, and so I suppose the line paid.

Anyhow, Theford, who had a summer place there, was rich enough to run it for himself if he wanted to.

Bob lived at Georgetown and I boarded with him. Our trips began at eight in the morning, and we generally ran the 110 miles in five hours. Then at three in the afternoon we came back, getting home at eight.

As soon as we reached the roundhouse at Georgetown our day's work was over, for the cleaners took the engine then, cleaned and polished her, and laid the fire all ready to start the next morning.

Well, as I said, I hung on to my job, hoping that something would turn up that would give me a lift, till one day in August.

The whole summer had been uncommon hot, but that day went ahead of anything I ever saw. Of course, while we were running we had a breeze, but the minute we stopped it seemed as if we were in a furnace, and, naturally, working near a hot fire didn't improve things.

On the home trip Bob was taken sick, and had all he could do to hold out till we got to the home station, when he got home as soon as possible. After the train was emptied I ran the engine to the roundhouse, expecting to go straight home and wash up.

But when I ran the engine in the first thing I saw was my two cleaners laid out on a heap of ashes, dead drunk.

Here was a pretty mess, for it would certainly take me until midnight to get the machine in proper trim for the next day's run; and a hot, greasy job it was in any weather, but on such a night as that it was frightful to think of it. However, there was no help for it, and I started in.

I had barely made a beginning when I heard someone coming in at the door. Looking up, I saw it was Billy Theford. In a very excited voice he asked where Hunter was.

"Home," I said, "and so sick he can't hold his head up."

"Heaven!" said he, "I shall be ruined!"

Then he went on to say that, if he wasn't in Chicago the next day, some deal, I think he called it, would fall through, and it would cost him a quarter of a million.

"There's a train goes through Junction City at 11.05 that will get you to Chicago on time," says I.

"What good'll that do me?" says he, "I've been away for two days, and only just now got the telegram. If Hunter was here he might get me down; but, as it is, I may as well go home and let the money go."

"Mr. Theford," said I, "Bob is sick but I can run this machine to Junction City in time to connect with the train you want; but you will have to fire for me, as the two cleaners are drunk, as you see, and there isn't another man in this village knows the engine from the

WHAT FARMERS NEED MOST

When man was first created he was placed upon a farm and surrounded with trees and plants and other natural objects necessary for his sustenance and well-being. Farming was the first occupation of mankind, and it always has been the occupation of the larger part of the world's population. And as the wealth of the world must be taken from the earth which is beneath our feet, it is necessary for the farmer to have all the help which the world affords, not only to make his work easy and profitable, but to make him free from drudgery, his life happier, and his social and public life, compared with others of his kind, higher and more on a level with theirs.

It so happened that we had just wooded up on the home trip at a little station three miles from Georgetown, so we had plenty of fuel aboard to make the run with.

"Can you do it?" says he. "Remember, it is 110 miles, and it is 8.30 now, so you have only two and a half hours to make the run that generally takes double that time."

"I can do it," says I, "if you will jump aboard, pull off your coat and do just as I tell you."

No sooner said than done, and in ten minutes we had the old engine on the turntable, turned her around and were off.

If the road was rough when we ran at our usual speed, that night, making double time, it was just awful. As we flew around the curves it seemed as if we should lose the track at every turn of the drivers, and the poor old machine rocked and swayed so that, used as I was to it, I could hardly keep on my seat by the lever.

Every man is educated largely according to his work; the lawyer studies law, the doctor medicine, and the college professor studies the subject he is to teach; so the farmer should study the farm and the things which there surround him.

Every man needs a certain amount of education in general, and after this is acquired, instead of taking up classic subjects, as the professional man does, the farmer might better take a course in an agricultural college; but as the farmer is a man of limited means, this is often impossible. To meet this I believe that nature study and the elementary principles of agriculture should be taught in the common schools. This will interest the children, and when they grow up, if they cannot go to a higher institution of learning, they will study for themselves, and not only make better and more successful farmers, but better citizens as well.

Technical instruction ends in the schools, but education ends only with life; so when a man is once interested in his calling he will try to educate himself, and the longer he lives the more he will be able to do so.

I will mention a few things the farmer needs to get this practical education which will make him more of a man, more able to help himself, and thus make him more successful.

First of all, the farmer must take an interest in his surroundings. No man can be a successful farmer unless he is interested in his farm, appreciating and loving the things which live and grow upon it. He should study the growth of his crops so he can tell how to till and fertilize his soil for their proper nourishment. He should by his own observation find out the good and evil done by the birds and insects. He should study the growth of his trees, so he can properly manage his woodlands, and plant them by his dwelling, where the music of their leaves will give him help and courage to perform his daily tasks.

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Another thing which every farmer needs is the agricultural press. He should take one or more good agricultural papers, which will serve as a guide, book for his work. I believe that many times the price of an agricultural journal can be gained by the use of the market reports alone. The farmer can tell what his produce will sell for in the large cities, he can estimate what it will cost to send it there, and is better prepared to meet the plausible buyer, as he knows what he ought to get for his produce or live stock. Besides the agricultural papers, the farmer needs a few good newspapers or magazines, to keep him in touch with the outside world. He should encourage the work of good roads, rural free delivery of mails, and all other things which make the farmer's life easier and keep him in touch with the large centers of trade and commerce. He should attend public gatherings and meetings of farmers and professional men, in order to get that public experience and confidence which will enable him to speak for himself in the world.

I might mention other things, but I believe I have given enough to show that education is what the farmer most needs to make his work the noblest and grandest of all occupations of mankind. Of course, the farmer needs more than an education, but, according to the subject of these essays, I believe that an education is the thing which he needs most. It will cultivate his mind, giving him self-respect, which will make him keep his farm in good condition, his buildings in repair, and make the world better because he has lived in it.—E. Earl Du Bois

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FARM NOTES

THE FARMER'S WORKSHOP

Every farmer should have a convenient workshop as a measure of economy, and the winter is the time to work in it.

It is hardly to be expected that the ploughs, wagons, harrows, forks, shovels and other farm tools have passed the summer and fall without breakage of greater or less degree, and now is the most opportune time for repairing them.

A workshop should be supplied with all of the most necessary tools in the use of which some one or more of the "men folks" will be somewhat skilled.

Next to having the tools and knowing how to use them, is their being well arranged—a place for everything and everything in its place—so that no time need be lost in looking for them.

Especially in the busy summer season time is money, and a marked saving in both will be made if the tools are in order and in their proper places.

It is poor economy to have to run to the shop one, two or three miles away when the axe have to be to be set in, or a rake wants a new tooth.—Burner

THE FARM GARDEN

It is not too early to begin preparations for this very essential farm adjunct. It takes some farmers all winter and all summer to see the necessity of having a well kept garden. We may create a little interest in the matter by getting the seed catalogues and looking them carefully over. Grow everything that your family likes that your soil will produce.

Do not forget that queen fruit for the table—strawberries. Put the ground in first class condition so that it can be easily planted and tilled. Keep ahead of the weeds. So far as possible plant with wide rows, so that the cultivator can be used. Hand wheel hoes are useful. Get your plants started early by growing them in hotbeds. Don't buy too cheap seeds lest you have nothing for your trouble. Have a good variety and a succession of crops. Keep the ground occupied; keep things growing. It is a good idea to plant all early maturing crops on one side of the garden, so that the ground may be cleaned off and used for later crops. It adds much to the beauty of this part of the farm to have some flowers constantly in blossom throughout the summer where there is room for them.—Hortola

PREPARING HOTBEDS

There is time this month to prepare hotbeds for starting early cabbages, cauliflowers, pepper and tomato plants. And gardeners would extend this list to include cucumbers, early squash and even green corn. It is some care to grow these under glass, so that they may not be either frostbitten or scalded by the sun, and one who works away all day may not be able to give it proper attention, but it pays well, even for the family garden, which we contend should always be large enough to insure plenty for home use, even if the season should not be favorable, and a surplus in a good season.

Picking out these plants into two-inch pots when they are two or three inches high, and removing them to a cold frame, helps to make plants more stocky, and when wanted for transplanting into the open ground it can be done without breaking so many of the fine roots and the checking of the growth. These pots need to be filled with a mixture of fine loam and sand, about equal parts, to which should be added some well rotted manure. We prefer such hotbeds to tomato and pepper plants to much larger ones that have been left to make a rank growth standing thickly in the hotbed, and if they are set in good, rich soil they will soon make up their growth.—American Cultivator

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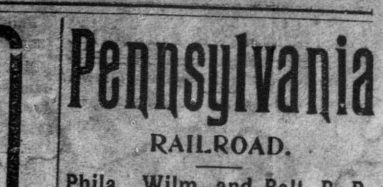
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